

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7020
By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Trousdale A. Lewis of
Oak Ridge.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Trousdale A. Lewis; and

WHEREAS, T.A. Lewis was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, T.A. Lewis was born and grew up in Knoxville; as a boy, he was interested in ham radio operations, and at age sixteen became the youngest person to attain a ham radio engineer's license; in his youth he worked with several local radio stations and was one of the first transmitting engineers for Knoxville television broadcast; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis was a talented student of electrical engineering, earning Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from the University of Tennessee, where he contributed to the development of modern scanning radar sources that do not require mechanical motion; he also completed the Nuclear Reactor School of ORINS (Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies); and

WHEREAS, T.A. Lewis began his professional career in the Instrumentation and Control Division of ORNL (Oak Ridge National Laboratory) in 1960; his first assignment was as a field engineer with the Solid State Physics Division; among other projects, he worked in computer controlled instrumentation systems and was recognized by his colleagues and friends as a skilled problem-solver who was conversant with the most modern instrumentation of the times; and

WHEREAS, in 1964, Mr. Lewis was assigned as liaison engineer to Varian Associates in Palo Alto, California, where he spent almost three years collaborating on the design and

construction of the ORELA (Oak Ridge Electron Linear Accelerator); he then returned to Oak Ridge from California and assisted with the installation and startup of the ORELA; and

WHEREAS, for the remainder of his career, T.A. Lewis served with acumen and alacrity as Chief of Operations for ORELA, in which position he set records in run time and intensity of output, earning the respect of his employees and colleagues alike for the exemplary quality of his work; in addition, he also served as special consultant to the Hollifield Radioactive Ion Beam Facility, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis is credited with more than one hundred technical publications on particle acceleration and particle beam monitoring and holds at least one patent; and

WHEREAS, he was an active and devout member of the United Church Chapel on the Hill, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, T.A. Lewis was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Lavelle Lawrence Lewis, and his parents, Trousdale and Myrtle Carrouth Lewis; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis is survived by his beloved wife of thirty-five years, SueAnne Blair Lewis, as well as cousins, Betty Garrett, Wilma Dempsey and her husband, A.C., and Fred Carrouth and his wife, Sandra; other survivors include his mother-in-law, Elizabeth R. Blair; brother-in-law, B.R. Blair and his wife Mary Charles; and two nephews and their families; he is also survived by his devoted and longtime friend, Lester D. Hulett; and

WHEREAS, T.A. Lewis leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in his public life as an engineer and administrator, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Trousdale A. Lewis, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family and many friends of Trousdale A. Lewis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.